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A road worth taking

Jessica Lavallee, left, and Ashley Crossley pose for a photo in Beaverbank on Tuesday. Jessica proposed to Ashley by setting up signs along the highway on the weekend. See [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

Contract a 'good deal'

SHIPBUILDING

Mayor touts agreement between HRM and Irving

Halifax regional council has voted in favour of entering into a special 25-year tax agreement with Irving Shipbuilding.

Under the new agreement passed on Tuesday, Irving will pay \$563,000 in property taxes for this year that will increase annually by one per cent, which will result in upwards of \$700,000 by the year 2039.

According to a staff report, the negotiations on a tax agreement have been in the works for more than a year. Last fall, the province brought forward legislation to change the HRM Charter to allow for such an arrangement to be struck.

"This is a good deal for the

city. That's all I care about," Mayor Mike Savage said outside city-hall chambers.

Last year, Irving paid around \$1.6 million in property taxes and appealed the assessment. They will now be refunded \$997,340 to reflect what their assessment would have been if an arrangement had been in place during 2014-15.

During council's debate on the issue, the city's chief financial officer explained the rationale behind the arrangement is to provide Irving with more certainty around their commercial taxes.

But a secondary component of agreement outlines it will see them pay an additional \$1,000 per full-time employee once the workforce reaches 1,000 and production gets underway.

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For the reaction, see page 3



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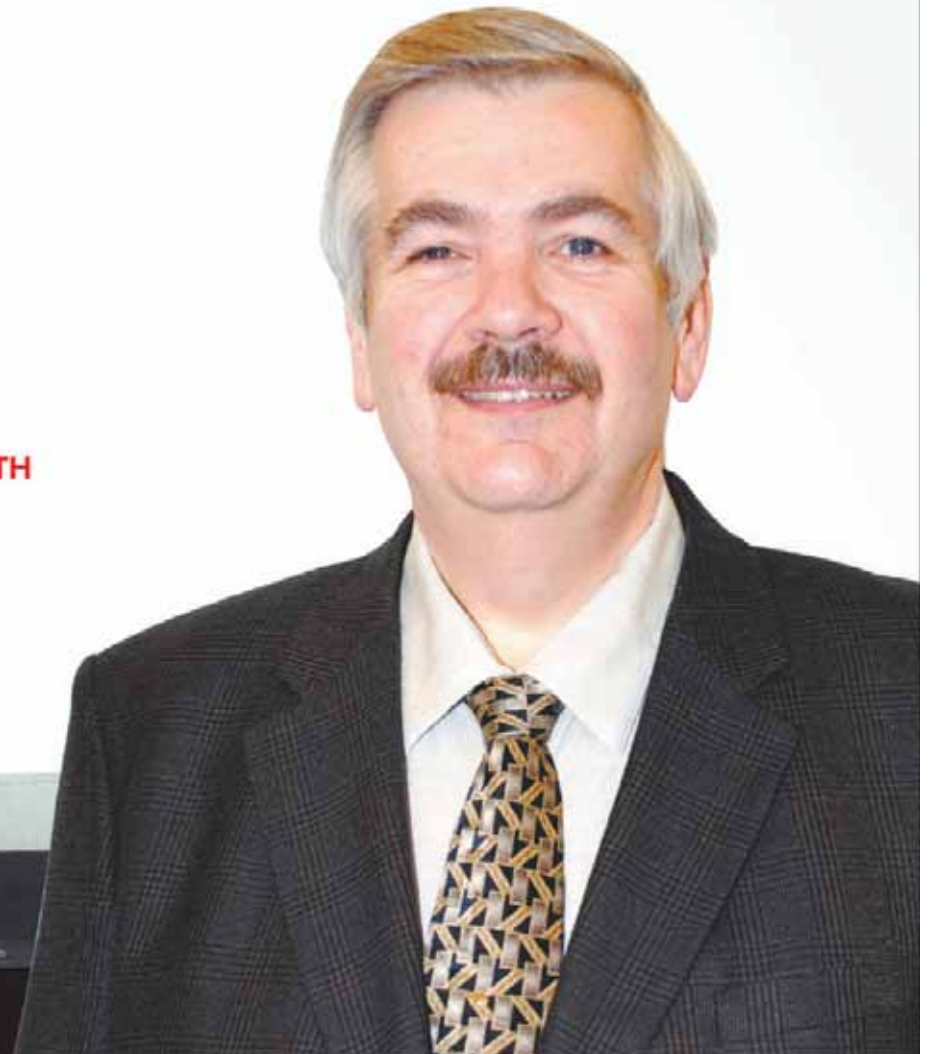
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FIREFIGHTERS

City council debates truck-staffing motion

Regional council was once again back at the table on Tuesday debating Halifax's fire service, this time over a motion to staff fire trucks with four firefighters.

Coun. Wayne Mason tabled the motion, which he cited was a standard previously outlined in the Fire Services Operational Review.

Although the motion passed 12 to four, several councillors voiced concerns about the financial implications of staffing aerial fire trucks with crews of four, as well as the necessity.

"I'm not convinced that we need four per truck," Coun. Matt Whitman told council.

Coun. Steve Craig chastised council for focusing on the budgetary impact of staff numbers, saying it was a "red herring" to what he called one of the most important issues to the community.

"To me, no change means putting politics before determining the service level," Mason told council on Tuesday.

"It's politically expedient to do nothing at this point."

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



LABOUR HALIFAX WATER WORKERS HEAD FOR STRIKE POSITION Members of CUPE Local 1431 protest labour relations with their employer, Halifax Water, outside city hall on Tuesday. The members will be in a strike position on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Shipyards deal a taxing issue for councillors

POLITICS

New agreement with Irving 'a very hard pill to swallow'



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

What Halifax's mayor is calling a special tax agreement between the city and Irving Shipyards, some councillors are slamming as a tax break.

On Tuesday, regional council approved a new tax arrangement with Irving, where they would pay an annual fixed amount of \$569,000, plus a one per cent yearly increase for the next 25 years.

They previously paid \$1.6 million in taxes, of which more than \$900,000 is now being refunded by HRM under the terms of the



The Halifax Shipyard JEFF HARPER/METRO

new agreement.

"I fundamentally have an issue with the other taxpayers potentially subsidizing the third richest family in this country," Coun. Stephen Adams told council during Tuesday's debate.

Adams, Matt Whitman, Jennifer Watts and Brad Johns voted against the agreement, which passed 13 to four.

Mayor Mike Savage clarified the arrangement is not a subsidy or a deal, and that Irving's taxes would in fact rise through

future additional taxes on full-time employees.

He said the rationale behind the deal was to provide Irving with more certainty around property assessment — a move that Watts and Coun. Tim Outhit

also noted was a need for small businesses.

"This is a very hard pill to swallow," Watts said Tuesday, explaining that lack of certainty and soaring property assessments have shuttered businesses across the city.

Afterwards, Whitman said he was disappointed with council's vote on the grounds that Savage believed the agreement would save the city from future legal battles with Irving.

"I don't like making decisions with my hands tied. I don't make decisions to avoid legal battles. That's the wrong thing to say to me," Whitman said Tuesday.

"We don't make decisions backed in a corner."

Why is this deal only for the Irvings when there are so many businesses and taxpayers struggling under high taxes and high assessments?

Kevin Lacey of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation



A firefighter inspects damage to a structure after a 2013 fire.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Shakespeare by the Sea to get repairs after fire

Repairs to the fire-damaged Shakespeare by the Sea headquarters will be getting underway this summer.

Councillors voted unanimously Tuesday to begin \$125,000 worth of "minimal repairs" to the Park Place Theatre in Point Pleasant Park, which was partially ruined by arson last June.

City staff explained in a recent report the repairs would allow for the building to be safely used for storage and as a rehearsal space, but not as a public venue.

The report outlines a previous estimate calculating the total cost of renovations would be \$125,000, but excluded \$100,000 in insurance deductible, leaving a total bill of \$225,000 for HRM. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

No plebiscite for Halifax in 2016 municipal election

The motion from a Halifax-area councillor to consider holding a plebiscite for the 2016 city election was struck down at regional council.

Linda Mosher of Halifax West tabled the motion, asking that a report be completed in regards to conducting a plebiscite.

She explained her reasoning was to better engage citizens to generate higher voter turnout and gather opinions on issues like building a stadium and snow clearing.

The motion was defeated 11 to five, with councillors Tim Outhit and David Hendsebee expressing concerns, saying the city has carried out projects without first taking the plan to the public.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

INFRASTRUCTURE

Green light given to Dalhousie bike lane

The on-again-off-again Dalhousie protected bike lane project was given the go-ahead by Halifax regional council on Tuesday.

The motion to enter into a two-year partnership with the university to pilot protected bike lanes on the north and south sides of University Av-

enue was passed 11 to five.

However, many councillors questioned how the loss of nine accessible parking spaces near the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium would affect residents with limited mobility.

"This plan really reeks of discrimination," Coun. Gloria McCluskey told council

Tuesday.

Councillor Bill Karsten also said that although he didn't believe in "killing it abstractly," he hoped more alternatives had been presented to avoid the loss of accessible parking, suggesting a bike lane be created in the median. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

+ THE FUTURE

Dalhousie's Nathan Rogers said the pilot is only the first step in a future vision to dedicate the entire north side of the street to pedestrians and cyclists.

New accelerated nursing programs to be offered

POST-SECONDARY

Dalhousie one of three N.S. universities taking part

Nova Scotia is looking to reduce the time it takes to get trained nurses on the job as the province struggles to keep up with the pace of retirements in its health-care system.

As part of a new \$4.7-million nursing strategy announced Tuesday, the three Nova Scotia universities that grant nursing degrees will offer a common curriculum and accelerated programs in order to boost the province's pool of trained nurses.

Health Minister Leo Glavine said the post-secondary changes are seen as key in a province that is currently hiring more than 90 per cent of the 400 nurses who graduate each year.

Glavine couldn't give projections but expressed optimism the changes would help staffing levels.

"We feel that we are going to meet the requirements across the province for nurses for the next decade and that's when the greatest demand will be there," said Glavine.

Under the changes Dalhousie University, St. Francis Xavier University and Cape Breton University would offer programs with staggered graduations in the winter, spring and fall in order to allow the health system to hire throughout the year.

The schools would also offer an accelerated program that would recognize previous science qualifications and cut the time to earn a degree from four to



From left: Kim Hebert, Ateka Yagjoubi, Alexandra Hebert and Kathy Johnson perform CPR on a computerized mannequin at the Clinical Learning and Simulation Centre at Dalhousie University last month. JEFF HARPER/METRO

197

The latest figures show 197 registered nursing and 88 licensed practical nursing positions are vacant.

two years. As well, students coming out of high school with required science courses could complete their degree program in just three years.

The number of specialty programs would also be increased to train operating room nurses as well as nurses who work in critical care, mental health and addictions.

Included in the overall funding for the strategy is \$1.4 million for a mentoring

program that would pay experienced nurses to spend dedicated time training new nurses.

There is also \$1.2 million for a co-op placement program for student nurses targeting the places and disciplines where nurses are most needed.

There are also smaller sums aimed at professional development and injury prevention.

Andrea Boyd-White, the director of nursing at St. Martha's Regional Hospital in Antigonish, said the most significant change for the province's rural hospitals is the expanded 13-week co-op program.

She said that with an aging workforce, having ready trained nurses with a clinical background out of university is "priceless" to the system.

+ BACKGROUND

Janet Hazelton, president of the Nova Scotia Nurses Union, said she was pleased with the mentoring program, which will enable nurses to spend 80 per cent of their time on their patients and 20 per cent on training new nurses. Hazelton also said the education-

"It makes a difference between us being able to use them within four weeks or waiting 16, which is what we were doing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

al changes in the strategy should help address nursing shortages over time.

"If the employers work with the unions about issues affecting nurses and use the money earmarked for that, I believe (the strategy) will be successful," she said.

SLUGTERRA

Company lands the king of deals

A Halifax company has scored a deal to promote its Slugterra animated TV series through Burger King restaurants, which for the next few weeks will offer toys based on characters in the series.

DHX Media Ltd. didn't disclose financial details, but a spokesman said Burger King will pay a fee for the rights to use Slugterra as a way to attract customers to its restaurants.



We felt that being an independent we can only go so far

Ken Faier

The Slugterra toys are based on a program created by Vancouver-based animation studio Nerd Corps Entertainment, which has since been purchased by DHX Media. Season 3 begins this summer, and a fourth season has been approved.

Ken Faier, formerly president of Nerd Corps and now general manager responsible for content and product development at DHX, said the Burger King deal was more than a year in the making.

"They're always looking for properties that can appeal either to a girl audience or a boy audience or looking for things that have a collectibility to it," Faier said.

The Slugterra toys — which are made specifically for Burger King by its own promotional organization — start appearing this week in the company's restaurants and will be available for up to six weeks, or until supplies run out.

"They handle all of the logistics," Faier said. He added that one of Nerd Corp's reasons for joining DHX was its larger size and growing reach, with a variety of TV programming and toys based on characters such as the Teletubbies franchise.

"We felt that being an independent, we can only go so far," Faier said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ BACKGROUND

DHX has been expanding its kid- and youth-oriented entertainment business beyond the creation and distribution of programs such as Inspector Gadget, Caillou and the Degraassi franchise for teens and young adults.

IN BRIEF

DDBC director seeking Liberal nomination

Tim Rissesco issued a release on Tuesday night saying he wants to represent the governing party in the byelection that is needed after the sudden passing of Allan Rowe of the Liberals back in February. METRO

GOVERNMENT

Province launches immigration stream

The Nova Scotia government has created a new immigration stream geared toward international students who have worked in the province for at least a year.

Immigration Minister Lena Metlege Diab says the prov-

ince will nominate candidates through the provincial nominee program for the federal government's new express entry system, which cuts down wait times to about six months.

Diab says the pilot project

is necessary because well-qualified candidates, including international students, were not being selected by Ottawa for express entry under other provincial streams.

She says it provides yet another avenue for immigrants

hoping to gain permanent residency in the province.

The government is allowed to nominate 1,050 immigrants this year under the provincial nominee program, up from 700 last year.

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FAIRVIEW BLAZE FORCES CLOSURE OF DEAL STREET Investigators were on the scene of an early-morning apartment fire at 3626 Deal St., in Fairview, on Tuesday. The street was shut down to traffic for about an hour while crews battled the blaze. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Mall threat case returns to court

HEARING

Adjourned to next week, neither of the suspects attend

The case of two people accused of plotting an attack at a Halifax shopping mall returned to provincial court Tuesday, where lawyers discussed the possibility of delaying the start of a preliminary hearing.

Lindsay Kantha Souvannarath, 23, of Geneva, Ill., and 20-year-old Randall Steven Shepherd, of Halifax, each face charges including conspiracy to commit murder.

Souvannarath appeared via video link for Tuesday's brief hearing while Shepherd did not appear.

The Crown alleges the offences involved the Halifax Shopping Centre and were carried out in concert with James Lee Gamble, a 19-year-old man found dead in his Halifax home. A Crown document alleges the offences

took place between Jan. 6 and Valentine's Day.

A preliminary inquiry is scheduled for June, but Judge Anne Derrick said it will be decided at the next appearance on May 22 whether it needs to be delayed until July because Shepherd's lawyer had just received some disclosed documents from the Crown.

Crown attorney Shauna MacDonald told court she would be applying to have certain police documents unsealed to allow

her to vet and disclose them to the defence.

She said the "information to obtain" documents are the affidavits that officers bring before a judge to seek search warrants. They spell out why police believe they have sufficient evidence to support a warrant.

However, if the documents contain sensitive information, the Crown can have them resealed to prevent public disclosure, MacDonald said.

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Lindsay Kantha Souvannarath, of Geneva, Ill., attends provincial court in Halifax on April 16. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME

Three men facing 40 charges after police seize guns, ammo

Police in Halifax say three men are facing a total of 40 charges after more than a dozen guns were seized in a search.

The RCMP say two handguns, 12 long guns and ammunition were all seized at a home on Siding Lane in Oakfield on May 8.

Three men found inside the home were arrested without incident and are facing

charges.

A 18-year-old man is facing 29 charges in total, including eight counts of possession of a weapon obtained by crime, eight counts of unsafe storage of a firearm and two counts of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Also facing firearm charges are a 21-year-old man and a 48-year-old man.

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COURT DATE

Suspects due to face judge at end of June

All three have been released from police custody.

The three men are due in Dartmouth provincial court on June 30.

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Jessica Lavallee, right, and Ashley Crossley pack away some of the signs that Lavallee placed along the highway for her marriage proposal. JEFF HARPER/METRO

A sure sign of affection

LOWER SACKVILLE

Local couple's highway proposal grabs lots of attention



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

For a split second, Jessica Lavallee was worried her girlfriend had missed her high-speed marriage proposal.

On Sunday, Lavallee set up signs along Highway 102 just before the Lower Sackville exit that read "Ashley," "Happy Mother's Day," and "Will you marry me," as well as colourful ones saying "I love you," as part of a proposal for her girlfriend Ashley Crossley, who was driving back from New Bruns-

wick with one of her three children.

"I figured it was for me, but I didn't know what it was pertaining to," Crossley said Tuesday.

"I was like, 'Oh wow, where's this going?' she said with a laugh. "It really took me by surprise when I came across the 'Will you marry me' sign."

The couple have been dating just two months, Crossley said, but they had already

"I was so nervous that my knees were almost buckling."
Jessica Lavallee

picked out wedding rings that were due to come back from resizing next week.

When the rings came back early, Lavallee said she knew a surprise was in order and she

"It's just amazing. I couldn't be happier."
Ashley Crossley

decided to create the signs when Crossley was away for a weekend trip.

"To be honest, I didn't think it was public; I just was thinking of her," Lavallee said.

"I wanted to originally have a big proposal — I didn't think it would go quite this big."

The attention started rolling in even as Lavallee put up the signs just before Crossley was due to arrive home, she said, as she got lots of honks and waves from people driving by.

Two women even pulled over to get a picture with Lavallee and the proposal sign, she said.

Luckily, Lavallee said she

got back in the nick of time to see Crossley pull into the driveway, and she went out to open the car door.

Crossley was "shy" at first and just said the drive had been fine, Lavallee said, so she asked what direction she had driven to "clarify" that she had actually seen the signs.

"She said, 'No, I seen them,' then I put my hand out to help her out of the car and I told her that I loved her and she makes me very happy, and that the kids and her are my life," Lavallee said.

"I got down on one knee in our driveway." The couple have gotten a lot of attention on social media and from friends and family in other provinces, who have been calling since their story ran on CTV this week, Lavallee said.

"It's amazing and it's actually really great that we can share this with everybody," she said.

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Some of the signs Jessica Lavallee crafted for her proposal and placed along Highway 102. JEFF HARPER/METRO

CRIME

Residents facing drug, weapons raps

Two Halifax residents appeared in court Monday to face a slew of drugs and weapons charges.

Richard Charles Lawrence, 27, and Tavia Patrice Connolly, 24, are both charged with four counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, in addition to several firearms offences, Halifax Regional Police said in a release Tuesday.

A 26-year-old man is also charged with marijuana possession after officers witnessed a "drug transaction" between suspects in two separate cars at a parking lot on the 3400 block of Joseph Howe Drive last Friday evening, police said.

They arrested two men on scene, seizing cash and cannabis resin from one car and marijuana from the other car,

according to the release.

Officers continued their investigation later that evening outside a home in the 300 block of Kearney Lake Road, where they found marijuana, MDMA, drug paraphernalia and cash in the female suspect's car.

They searched the residence shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday, finding cocaine, marijuana, MDMA, drug paraphernalia and four hand guns.

Officers also uncovered cash, cocaine and three rifles at an address on the 3600 block of St. Paul Street later the same morning, police said.

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ESPLANADE

Boy, 4, found alone outside his home

A four-year-old boy was found out alone early Tuesday morning in a Nova Scotia town.

Truro Police Service Insp. Rob Hearn said officers responded to a call of the boy on the Esplanade shortly after 5 a.m.

"He was staying with a relative and was able to leave the home without anyone knowing," said Hearn. The boy was taken to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre for assessment, where his mother and a representative of the Department of Community Services met with police.



He was ... able to leave the home without anyone knowing.

Truro Police Service Insp. Rob Hearn

Hearn said the matter is not being treated as a criminal one, however the Department of Community Services is following up on the incident.

TRURO DAILY NEWS



A senior who loves shopping at Walmart had a nasty experience when a thief took off with her shopping cart. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Senior sounds off over theft at Walmart

CRIME

Senior's cart full of paid-for items stolen

Colleen O'Brien is the kind of woman who enjoys going to the legion to sing and dance, but wouldn't dare drink or smoke. A senior on a fixed income, she has a grandmotherly appearance.

But make no bones about it, if she could see the person who stole her cart full of paid-for

items from Walmart on Friday, she'd have trouble holding in her anger and suggests the suspect might need a trip to the dentist to replace the teeth she'd wish to knock out. "As old as I am, I'd like to smack her in the face," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said she likes Walmart in New Glasgow and finds it a convenient place to get the items she needs. So it was that on her latest shopping trip she picked up a couple pairs of shoes and a lemon pie among other items. Once through the



Colleen O'Brien
NEW GLASGOW NEWS

checkout she strolled over to the McDonald's located in the store for a treat. As she went to place her order, she left her cart near the entrance of Mc-

Donald's. When she was done ordering, she turned around and discovered it missing. She said she had about \$100 worth of items in it.

She immediately talked to the manager of Walmart and went to the police station to report the crime. She said they are supposed to be investigating what happened.

For her part she said she'll be sure to take her items to her vehicle and lock them up before going for any treats in the future and advises others to do the same. NEW GLASGOW NEWS

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Victoria Day

Please be advised that there will be no garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Victoria Day, Monday, May 18th, 2015. Collection services for that day will be provided the previous Saturday, May 16th, 2015.

Collection Services can begin as early as 7am. To ensure collection please place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day.

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Household Special Waste Depot Closed Saturday, May 16th	➔	Household Special Waste Depot Open Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 9am - 4 pm

URBAN OUTFITTERS

New store to debut Thursday

The countdown is on until the trendy clothing and decor store Urban Outfitters opens its doors Thursday morning.

The American chain store has taken up residence at 1652 Barrington St., and posters in the store's window state it will open at 10 a.m. Thursday.

There will be an opening party from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday evening, according to the Urban Outfitters blog.

The band Tanlines will perform, and the party will be hosted by Dentelle + Fleurs with a dress pop-up shop.

The Halifax store already has an official Instagram account featuring shots of Peggy's Cove and things to see and do around the city.

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WILDFIRES

Burning ban lifted

The ban on open-air burning has been lifted, Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services said Tuesday.

Residents can now burn between 2 p.m. and midnight in areas where it's permitted.

During Wildfire Risk Season, from March 15 through Oct. 15, brush burning and campfires aren't permitted in any county from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. More information is available at halifax.ca and novascotia.ca. METRO

Students, parents wait for word on their future

EDUCATION

Junior high to be torn down next month



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

Grade 6 student Alena Fougere said Tuesday she'd be quite happy to stay at Southdale-North Woodside Elementary School next year.

But stepdad Leonard Gabriel said he's disappointed Alena won't be attending nearby

Prince Arthur Junior High School (PAJH) in Dartmouth, which will be demolished after it closes its doors in June.

"If I was ... working hard to graduate to go somewhere else and then all of a sudden it's being torn down and I have to stay here ... that would be kind of ... a play on the head," Gabriel said while picking Alena up from school.

The Halifax Regional School Board told Prince Arthur parents May 6 that the building has to come down to keep construction for a new primary-to-Grade 9 school on schedule. The new digs will replace both Prince Arthur and Southdale-



We have to find a school or schools (so) we can accommodate the students.

Doug Hadley, school board spokesman

North Woodside when it opens in September 2017.

As of Tuesday, hundreds of students still didn't know for sure where they'll be going in the fall, although Alena's teacher told her that she and her classmates would likely stay put at Southdale-North Woodside for their Grade 7 year.

School board spokesman Doug Hadley said students should know where they'll be moved by the end of this week.

"We have to find a school or schools (so) we can accommodate the students," he said Tuesday. "We are taking into consideration the disruption that it could possibly cause to those schools, so we want to try to mitigate that as much as we can."

Gord Gamble, who will represent the Progressive Conservatives for Dartmouth South in the next provincial election, said in a news release Tuesday

that the Liberal government should have consulted with parents before abruptly announcing the Prince Arthur demolition.

"Parents deserve the peace of mind that comes with knowing where their kids will be going to school in September," Gamble said.

"Early demolition of the existing PAJH school building will help with new school construction," education department spokeswoman Michelle Lucas said via email Tuesday.

"The option was presented to the board and accepted, keeping in mind the safety of students, staff and teachers."



Prince Arthur Junior High students head back to class last fall. The school will be demolished when classes end in June. A new school opens in 2017. METRO FILE



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IN BRIEF

Authorities identify 20-year-old man killed by crash

Police have identified a 20-year-old man who died after a single-vehicle crash last week in Nova Scotia.

RCMP say the crash on Pomquet River Road in Antigonish County happened early in the morning of May 4 when the driver lost control and the vehicle flipped on a turn.

Police say that Alex Frederick Ehler of Larry's River died after the accident.

Ehler, who was driving, and a 21-year-old female passenger were ejected from the vehicle.

Mounties say Ehler was airlifted to a hospital in Halifax and died on Sat-

urday. The woman, from Antigonish County, was treated at Saint Martha's Regional Hospital and released.

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Doctor ordered to repay \$250K cost of disciplinary hearing

A former Cape Breton doctor appears to have exhausted all legal avenues and is on the hook to repay more than \$250,000 as ordered by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

Stani Osif's last attempt for an appeal against a decision by the Nova Scotia College of Physicians and Surgeons has failed, as the appeal court upheld previous rulings that she

must repay the college for the expense of a lengthy disciplinary hearing.

In addition to the hearing costs, the court also awarded \$500 in costs to the college for the latest challenge by Osif for a time extension to file another appeal.

The college and Osif, of Sydney Mines, have been embroiled in a dispute since a disciplinary decision issued against Osif in 2008.

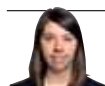
Osif's licence was suspended indefinitely when a College of Physicians and Surgeons ruling found her guilty of professional misconduct and ordered she fulfil a number of education-related measures before being reinstated.

CAPE BRETON POST

Startup squad succeeds

SMALL BUSINESS

SMU students win national entrepreneur recognition



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A group of Saint Mary's University students has helped spark more than 100 ideas in young people across the province, landing them a national award.

On Monday, the SMU Enactus team behind The Startup 100 received the national title of BDC Entrepreneurs First Project Partnership's Best Project at the Enactus National Exposition in Toronto, beating out 67 other schools.

"Nova Scotia's really in need of a bit of a status quo shift, and an entrepreneurial culture really needs to be developed," said Chris Lewis, commerce student and one of the coordinators for Startup 100.



From left: Sarah Jamer, Ali Algermozi and Jared Perry are being honoured for their success with Startup 100, a project to encourage Nova Scotia's young entrepreneurs. CONTRIBUTED

"To be actually recognized for all the hard work we've put in and the vision we have ... it just kind of further proves that what we're doing is the right thing," Lewis said.

Lewis and Ali Algermozi,

incoming co-president of the SMU Enactus team, said they were excited to get the title as it shows the rest of the country recognizes the need for small-business support in Nova Scotia.

The Startup 100 project kicked off in February and is about inspiring and working with 125 students between the ages of 15 to 35 on developing their own business ideas through networking,

“They’re just driven to succeed at what they want to do.”

Chris Lewis

video tutorials and workshops.

"When they have that support and they have that network with us and each other, they're some of most passionate people you'll meet," Lewis said.

The students are spread out in 50 communities across the province and range from a Bedford man starting a martial-arts gym, a high-school girl doing web design to others working with green energy.

Most of all, Lewis said, the goal of the project is to help halt the massive out-migration of young people from the Maritimes by ensuring they can create their own opportunities locally.

"We need them to help advance our province and make it what it really could be," Lewis said.

NEW GLASGOW JUBILEE

Rapper Classified headliner for fest

The New Glasgow Jubilee has announced Classified as the final headliner as organizers round out the lineup for the 20th anniversary.

The Enfield rapper was last on the Jubilee stage in 2012, and executive director Carlton Munroe said he can't wait to welcome him back.

"Classified has become the face and the voice of Canadian hip-hop and has definitely transcended the genre. On top of that, he is one of the most entertaining crowd-pleasers the Jubilee has seen on the main stage over the last decade, and we are pumped to have him back for our 20th anniversary celebrations," said Munroe.

Classified is performing on Aug. 1 at the three-day festival. The Trews headline the July 31 show, and Steve Earle and the Dukes are the main attraction for Aug. 2.

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IN BRIEF**Crown drops two charges in Ghomeshi case**

Two sexual-assault charges have been dropped against disgraced former broadcaster Jian Ghomeshi, who was ordered Tuesday to face the remaining five charges of sexual assault and one count of choking in two separate trials.

The former host of CBC Radio's show Q was originally charged with seven counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking.

Crown prosecutor Mike Callaghan said Tuesday that two sexual-assault charges were being withdrawn because there was no reasonable prospect of conviction. Outside court, Callaghan said the two charges involve two separate female complainants who are not involved in the remaining charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Friendly-fire death a case of 'mistaken identity'

The friendly-fire incident in Iraq that killed Sgt. Andrew Doiron was the result of "a tragic case of mistaken identity," exacerbated by fatigue and a breakdown in communication, the Canadian military says.

Doiron was fatally shot March 6 by Kurdish forces as his special-forces unit was returning to an observation post in the darkness. A series of investigations concluded that "mistaken identity and a breakdown in communication in a setting characterized by tension, fatigue and confusion" were the main factors in the death. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Shauna Hunt of CityNews interviews a Toronto FC soccer fan in Toronto on Sunday. Hunt was the latest woman to be heckled by a group of men shouting sexually explicit comments into her microphone. CITYNEWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'FHRITP' condemned

SEXISM

Heckler gets fired after row with reporter



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Two big names on the Toronto business front earned praise Tuesday as they took action to condemn sexist comments hurled at a TV reporter.

Maple Leaf Sports Entertainment (MLSE) says it will ban those responsible from future sporting events if they can be identified. Hydro One, meanwhile, fired a man after he was pegged as one

of the people who supported others yelling "f-k her right in the p-y" as CityNews reporter Shauna Hunt did a broadcast from Sunday's Toronto FC soccer game.

"I'm glad to see companies stepping up and taking this seriously. It's a change and it's a welcome change," said Todd Minerson, executive director of the White Ribbon Campaign, an organization of men working to end violence against women.

"MLSE is in a position, with its profile, its reputation, its resources, its athletes, to say, 'We're not going to tolerate this.'"

Shouting the vulgar phrase at female reporters has become a trend known as "FHRITP" heckling. It's been playing out in cit-



Respect for all people is engrained in the code and our values.

Daffyd Roderick,
Hydro One spokesman

ies across Canada and the United States for more than a year. But little formal action has been taken against hecklers, despite police in various cities saying criminal charges are an option.

Hydro One and Maple Leaf sports didn't mince words on their stance Tuesday.

Shawn Simoes didn't yell the phrase on camera, but during a

later interview with the CityNews reporter, told her he thought the practice was "hilarious."

That clip, during which Simoes makes an incoherent statement to the reporter about a vibrator, has now been watched thousands of times on YouTube.

Simoes' actions violated Hydro One's code of conduct, the public utility said.

"Respect for all people is engrained in the code and our values," spokesman Daffyd Roderick said in statement. "We are committed to a work environment where discrimination or harassment of any type is met with zero tolerance."



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ELECTION

Different debate formats expected

Canadians can expect to see multiple federal election debates during this campaign season, likely over the summer and in different formats, as part of a major upheaval in the way the leaders square off in person.

YouTube, live-streaming, multiple moderators — it's all on the table in the run-up to the October vote.

The Conservative Party of Canada appears to be taking the first step in shaking up the debate system, rejecting outright the traditional model of one debate each in French and English, both tightly controlled by the major networks. The Tories and the NDP have instead said yes to two new debates — one proposed by the French-language network TVA and another hosted in August by Maclean's magazine. And they're willing to do more.

The Liberals haven't made any commitments, but say that the time has come to create a new independent debate commission to oversee the particulars.

"I'm not saying yes to anything, I'm not saying no to anything, except to say, yes, we're going to do debates," Trudeau said.

Conservative spokesman Kory Teneycke has said his party is willing to participate in up to five debates, and wouldn't necessarily turn down something hosted individually by a consortium member such as CTV, CBC/Radio-Canada or Global.

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A rescue worker inspects a building that collapsed in an earthquake in Kathmandu, Nepal, Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA

Nations refuse refuge to fleeing migrants

Thousands of Bangladeshis and members of Myanmar's long-persecuted Rohingya Muslim minority appeared Tuesday to have no place to go after two Southeast Asian nations refused to offer refuge to boatloads of hungry men, women and children.

Smugglers have fled wooden trawlers in recent days amid fear of a massive regional crackdown on human trafficking syndicates, leaving migrants to

fend for themselves.

"We won't let any foreign boats come in," Tan Kok Kwee, first admiral of Malaysia's maritime enforcement agency said Tuesday.

Unless they're unseaworthy and sinking, he said, the navy will provide "provisions and send them away. Hours earlier, Indonesia pushed back a boat packed with hundreds of Rohingya and Bangladeshis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS

EU seeks approval to hunt human smugglers

The European Union is seeking a UN Security Council resolution within days to let its members hunt down human traffickers in the Mediterranean and destroy their boats, a senior EU official said Tuesday.

EU foreign ministers hope to have a UN resolution by their May 18 meeting "to ensure that we can have coercive action toward the smugglers" who have helped bring more

than 10,000 migrants to European shores in unseaworthy boats in recent weeks, said the official, who has close knowledge of the operation but is not permitted to speak publicly about it.

Around 1,700 migrants are feared to have died in recent weeks even before the high season for sea migration begins in June.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nepal hit by yet another earthquake

ASIA

At least 37 killed with death count expected to rise

A new earthquake killed dozens of people Tuesday and spread more fear and misery in Nepal, which is still struggling to recover from a devastating quake nearly three weeks ago that left more than 8,000 dead.

A U.S. Marine Corps helicopter carrying six marines and two Nepalese soldiers was reported missing while delivering disaster aid in northeastern Nepal, U.S. officials said, although there have been no indications the aircraft crashed.

Tuesday's magnitude-7.3 quake, centred midway between

Kathmandu and Mount Everest, struck hardest in the foothills of the Himalayas, but it also shook the capital badly, sending thousands of terrified people into the streets.

At least 37 people were killed in the quake and more than 1,100 were injured, according to the Home Ministry. But that toll was expected to rise as reports began reaching Kathmandu of people in isolated Himalayan towns and villages being buried under rubble, according to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Tremors radiated across parts of Asia. In India, at least 16 people were confirmed dead after rooftops or walls collapsed onto them, according to India's Home Ministry. China Central Television said that in Tibet, a landslide killed one person and injured three. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Fighting breaks out after ceasefire in Yemen

With cargo ships poised to launch a desperately needed aid operation in embattled Yemen, a five-day humanitarian ceasefire began Tuesday night, just hours after Saudi-led coalition warplanes struck against Shiite rebels and their allies. There were reports of continued ground fighting in some areas, with security officials and witnesses saying fierce combat broke out about a half hour after the cease-fire began when rebels tried to storm the southern city of Dhale, firing tank shells, rockets and mortars. But no airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition battling the rebels were reported. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officer not charged in bi-racial man's shooting death

A white police officer won't face criminal charges for fatally shooting an unarmed 19-year-old biracial man whom witnesses say was acting erratically and had assaulted two people, a prosecutor announced Tuesday. District Attorney Ismael Ozanne said he won't file charges against Officer Matt Kenny in the death of Tony Robinson. Kenny shot Robinson on March 6. Police said Kenny was responding to calls that Robinson was running in and out of traffic and had assaulted two people. They said Robinson attacked the officer after he entered the apartment house. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Halifax Water is working to avoid a labour disruption. In the event a labour disruption occurs, management and non-union Halifax Water staff will make every effort to ensure that the essential water, wastewater and stormwater services you depend on are provided.

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Bill payments can be made online via EPost (visit www.halifaxwater.ca); mail to PO Box 8388 RPO CSC, Halifax, NS B3K 5M1; at all Halifax Municipality Customer Service Centres; and through most financial institutions. For more information on Halifax Water, including updated information should a labour disruption occur, please visit www.halifaxwater.ca

Bulk Barn looks to get in with hip new crowd

STRATEGY

Chain updates its image with trendy foods, downtown digs



Melissa Dunne
For Metro

Every two weeks or so, Melissa Baker hauls home bags filled with healthy staples, such as dried beans, chickpea flour, spices, steel-cut oats and shredded coconut. She's short on storage space in the small condo she shares with her sister, so she pours her bi-weekly take into mason jars.

You might assume the type of person who puts their food in mason jars shops at Whole Foods Market, or if they really want to one-up the hipster down the street, the local independent health-food store. You'd be wrong. Baker, along with an increasing number of condo-dwelling millennials, frequently shops at Bulk Barn.

"Back in 2012 or 2013, Prince George (about eight hours north of Vancouver) got a Bulk Barn, and everyone was saying, 'A Bulk Barn is coming! A Bulk Barn is coming!'" recalls the 26-year-old master's student, who now lives in downtown Toronto and studies nutrition at Ryerson University.

That's right: the suburban chain with the garish yellow-and-red signs is suddenly hip.

From suburban to urban

Bulk Barn, which Carol Ofield first opened in a Toronto suburb in 1982, has recently revamped its dowdy suburban image for a sleek new downtown look.

The chain reportedly hired ad agency Leo Burnett in late 2014 in a bid to lure more young urbanites and update its once deeply uncool vibe. The franchised chain is aggressively expanding nationally, having opened more than 100 stores in the last five years. The stores can now be mainly found in big-box plazas in the suburbs and smaller standalone locations downtown.

Two of the six new Bulk Barns that have opened in the past six months are in downtown Toronto.

Gone are the garish signs at its new downtown locations, replaced with sleek red and



Melissa Baker checks bins of nuts, grains, herbs and candies at the Bulk Barn on Toronto's Carlton Street. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO



What are they? ... They're not a health food store, they're not a convenience store; they're sort of a mix.

Retail consultant Ed Strapagiel

metal, announcing to Canadians: this is no longer your mom's Bulk Barn. Recently, the chain updated its kitschy flyers for a more modern look, which garnered kudos on social media.

Bulk Barn is smart to follow Canadianians downtown, says Anthony Stokan, partner at retail consultancy Anthony Russell Inc. While rent is more expensive in the core, the chain does not have to pay for mall amenities with standalone stores.

Also, franchisees can capitalize on the condo boom. With millennials moving from the suburbs to downtown, the new urban Bulk Barn locations offer a mix of nostalgia and practicality.

Millennials like Baker have no room for giant boxes of food from places like Costco in their cramped condos. And besides, like many condo-dwellers, she

doesn't have a car to get to box plazas.

The scoop on the bulk-food strategy

The new strategy is clearly working.

"I tend to go on Wednesdays because there's a student discount that day," said Baker. "It's usually very, very busy when I go."

There are now more than 200 Bulk Barns, with stores in every province. And while you can still load up on gummy worms and chocolate for a steal, the stores also have a variety of health foods that young people love.

"In terms of changes, the biggest is probably product selection. We're all about offering our customers variety, whether it's having staples like oats or something more unusual, like Non-GMO chia

seeds," said Sherryl Woodward, senior director of marketing at Bulk Barn Foods Limited in an e-mail interview.

This mix of healthy staples and not-so-healthy snacks is key to Bulk Barn's success, says retail consultant Ed Strapagiel.

"What are they?" asks Strapagiel. "They're not a health food store, they're not a convenience store; they're sort of a mix."

Being "sort of a mix" is not always a good thing. But in this case it works. Most grocers such as Loblaws and Whole Foods do offer some bulk food, but it's not their main focus,

says Strapagiel. While kids may love regional bulk-candy shop chains like Sugar Mountain, there's not much for health-conscious adults there. Many independent health-food stores can be a bit dingy by modern standards, he notes.

Changing with the times

The chain has done a decent job of "cleaning up" and streamlining its stores and image, says Maureen Atkinson, senior partner at retail consultancy J.C. Williams Group. It's no longer seen as just a bargain brand but a place where health nuts like Baker can grind their own nut butters. The chain certainly has not reached a saturation point yet, says Atkinson, so expect to see more updated, dare we say trendy, stores in the future.

While many other mall staples, from Eaton's to Target to Jacob to Zellers have failed, Bulk Barn continues to succeed. The Canadian chain has pulled off a feat many retailers have found impossible: it has kept its kitschy core, while changing with the times. What could be cooler than that?

Three things that changed

1 Signs of the times

While you'll still find the red-and-yellow signs out in the suburbs, many of the downtown locations now have toned-down signs with sleek silver backgrounds.



2 Healthy items

Don't worry, you can still buy a massive amount of gummy worms for \$5, but the stores also have on-trend healthy items like quinoa and a station to grind your own nut butters.



3 Streamlined flyers

They recently updated their flyers for a more clean, streamlined look.



Three things that haven't

1 Rental cake pans

The stores still rent cake pans — there's everything from the trendy Hello Kitty to the classic Mickey Mouse pans.



2 Wacky names

Many of the items still have wacky names, from Dino Sours candies to Clownin' Around snack mix.



3 The scoop

You still generally scoop your food out of a big utilitarian bin and pour it into a clear plastic bag, with red font on it.





the big number

\$36M

This is the cost of the “tampon tax” Canadian women shell out yearly. A motion to drop federal tax from feminine hygiene items passed unanimously in the House on Monday — after some wrangling behind the scenes. Conservative women MPs reportedly threatened to stage a walkout if their caucus didn’t support the motion. The NDP on Tuesday called to scrap the tax from the current budget implementation bill; Conservatives say they’ll find \$36 million in savings in a future budget. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The problem with using Tinder to look for love

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Moullem



To the single people of Tinder alone at the bridge, casting their rods over and over again, getting plenty of bites but catching little more than a guy or girl actually obsessed with fishing in a non-proverbial way, I’d like to apologize on behalf of the many millions of us who are wasting your time.

A study by GlobalWebIndex (GWI), a world leader in digital consumption research, found 42 per cent of Tinder users are already in relationships. A third even have rings on their fingers, including my wife and I when we decided to check out what our lives would be like in an alternate universe.

To be fair, we were upfront about it, flaunting “happily married but here for giggles” bios like tourists in matching shirts strolling down the Las

Vegas strip. There were some anthropological discoveries, too: men seemed to read “no strings attached” in her bio, while my profile flashed “scumbag” in giant neon letters. And, apparently, every woman is obligated to do yoga poses in front of famous landmarks, and every man loves hunting (maybe that’s just an Alberta thing).

One might worry such window-shopping could lead to something more, but we did it for sport and to see who could get the most matches (she crushed me). There was an element of envy to it, too.

Tinder, being beautifully designed and addictive, had me shaking my head, muttering, “Single guys have it so easy today — why, in my day, I had to open a hideous browser!” Perhaps it’s not easy after all, since more than half of Tinder women are already coupled. I admit, learning that half my matches were just as likely to be half-hearted killed the fun.

The GWI study did not have a small sample size. It reached 47,000 people, in 13 countries, from high schoolers to retirees — so many of them gawkers in your lonely world.

Certainly some of them are non-monogamous, using it as a hookup app or maybe even to find like-minded couples. Others might be lecherously prowling, though Tinder’s geographical limits and Facebook integration make infidelity hard to get away with.

That makes me think most coupled users were, like us, just wandering into the digital singles bar for kicks.

Disheartening as it might be if you’re looking for love on the app — and judging from my friends, this group includes all singles under 40 — this will probably be good news for Tinder. The company has long desired to be a friend-making tool. First you meet each other on the app, then become friends on Facebook. As CEO Sean Rad put

Single guys have it so easy today — why, in my day, I had to open a hideous browser!

it, Tinder is a place for “social discovery.”

Now that the curtain’s been lifted, maybe it will evolve into that. In fact, my Tinder tourism got me a friend: another happily coupled user who was, as she put it, “scratching that promiscuity itch.” Other friends have used it to find travel buddies while backpacking. Maybe Tinder’s evolution has already begun.

Sorry, singles. You’ll have to find another app.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

‘What would your mother think?’ is not a feminist incantation

I’m about done with people invoking the mother figure when men behave badly.

This weekend, a group of moronic men dropped the worn-out “f--k her right in the p---y” prank on a female reporter at a Toronto soccer game.

It’s the latest in a string of such incidents, and the reporter demanded, on camera, to know why.

She didn’t get very far, because idiots aren’t very good at explaining their idiocy, and so she asked finally, with exasperation, what if “your mum saw you talk like this?”

What I want to know is: why do we care about his mum?

Demanding to know “what your mother would think” is not some kind of feminist incantation — say these words, and the spell of sexism will be broken!

Proof: the soccer fans weren’t cured.

“My mum would die laughing, eventually!” said the one with too much gel in his hair, his face full of glee.

Social-media critics were not amused. They clamoured to the reporter’s defence, claiming this man-child’s mother would certainly not be laughing.

But they, too, are misguided.

They think they can shame this man by making him face the humanity in his own mother. And it’s laughable. Of course he sees it. He doesn’t

care. Proximity to and love for a woman is not a quick-balm for sexism. If it was, we wouldn’t have needed the suffragettes.

But even worse: why is it a woman’s job to police men? It’s ridiculous that we still expect nagging mothers to swoop in and set misbehaving sons straight. We praised the mothers who scolded their sons for trolling on Facebook in Australia and for rioting in the streets of Baltimore.

Yet no one asks what their fathers would think. That only women, and especially only mothers, teach men how not to hate women is a sexist assumption in itself.

In our need for revenge and conversion to the feminist cause, I can see why the “mother card” is a tempting last-ditch effort. But other tactics actually stand a chance of making a point.

There’s conversation: before bringing up mom, the reporter spent time describing that “f--k her right in the p---y” is abusive and degrading. It’s that kind of blunt talk that lays sexism bare and could change the minds of bystanders and viewers — even if it had no effect on those asinine jerks.

And then there are consequences: while those men don’t care what their mothers would think, they might need to worry about their bosses. The one with the bad hair gel is getting fired.

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CRAFTY BREW NAMES FOR YOUR MAY LONG WEEKEND

We're in the midst of a beer revolution as lager lovers flip their solo cups at the big guys. This rebel ethos shines most in the naming of those brews. Here are five cheekily named drinks to cheers the long weekend. **LIZ BROWN/METRO**

1 **Natural Born Keller** Wild Rose Brewery, Calgary

One wonders if Mickey and Mallory Knox might toast a successful killing spree with this brewer-described 'flavourful, crisp' drink, curated from 'natural born' fresh ingredients and Keller Bier. While having your beer associated with famous fictional serial killers may seem like a branding faux pas, Wild Rose Brewery marketing manager Blair Bullied says it's all about wordplay and a name people find funny — and of course, having that name pop out on the shelf.

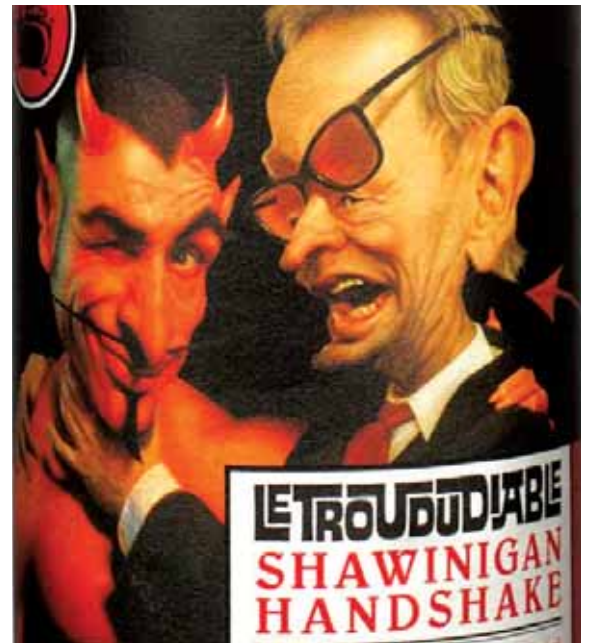
Best paired with: A juke box, Leonard Cohen's *Waiting for the Miracle*, and a game of redneck eeny, meeny, miny, moe.



3 **Yippee IPA** Picaroons Brewing, Fredericton, N.B.

"Names happen. Usually accompanied by drinking beer," says Picaroons owner Sean Dunbar. "The only test the name goes through is to try it out as if ordering a beer at a pub. I forget the moment Yippee IPA struck me as being a good beer name, but I remember liking the sound of 'gimme a big glass of Yippee.'"

Best paired with: Any kind of party that makes you holler Yippee!



5 **Shawinigan Handshake** Le Trou du Diable, Shawinigan, Que.

An homage to that 1996 Canadian heritage moment when then-Prime Minister Jean Chrétien (a.k.a. 'the little guy from Shawinigan') put a chokehold on a heckling anti-poverty protester in Hull, Que. This brew is a Weizenbock, categorized as a strong, dark wheat beer. Ostensibly the strength of the beer is in honour of the bare-handed muscling it took Chrétien to bring a protester to his knees.

Best paired with: A no-holds-barred House of Commons debate on CPAC.



2 **Farmer's Daughter** Whitewater Brewing, Foresters Falls, Ont.

A blonde ale that's an 'eye-opener on a hot summer's day.' Whitewater co-founder Chris Thompson said he wanted to evoke the "local, hardworking and wholesome qualities that we aspire to in the brewery." Also, "we thought it would get a laugh when people ask for a Farmer's Daughter from the bar." You can try their Farmer's Daughters Melons blend, too.

Best paired with: A pair of Daisy Dukes and a plaid shirt.

4 **Jerkface 9000** Parallel 49 Brewing, Vancouver

This American wheat ale got its name after a group brainstorm turned a little testy. "Someone suggested a much more serious name," says publicist Carine Redmond. "The team vetoed it as they don't take themselves too seriously and the more serious namer quipped 'call it Jerkface, you a—hole.'"

Best paired with: Those gatherings where you run into people who easily irritate.



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FAST FOOD

Premium burger market in Canada keeps growing

The fast-food burger keeps getting more upmarket and expensive, and an analyst says that trend isn't going away.

Last year, Canadians bought nearly 15 million burgers at an average price of \$6.05, says Robert Carter of NPD Group, which represented a four per cent price increase compared to 2013.

He notes growth in the burger business over the last five years has been dramatic, with "a lot of focus on the premium, high-end burgers with a lot of dialogue around the local and hormone-free and what I'll call the 'better-for-you' style burger."

"Almost every restaurant now talks about hormone-free, or Canadian farmers, or antibiotic-free, or organic," Carter says.

"It's catering to the consumer demand to understand more

about the foods that they're eating, and that also leads into the perception of health and wellness."

Bareburger, an American chain of organic burger restaurants, opened its 23rd location — and first outside the U.S. — in Toronto in January.

Euripides Pelekanos started grilling organic burgers at his nightclub in Brooklyn, N.Y., before opening the first Bareburger in 2009.

The menu caters not only to lovers of meat, but also vegans and vegetarians, and those on gluten-free, paleo and low-carb diets.

The full-service licensed restaurant offers burgers made of beef, bison, wild boar, elk, duck and turkey, with toppings ranging from pineapple relish and tomato fig jam to wild mushrooms and smoke sauce. Vegetarian patties include quinoa, black bean, or sweet potato with wild rice, and can be wrapped in collar greens or served on a brioche, sprout or

hemp milk bun.

"There's something to be said about knowing where your food comes from, knowing that animals were raised right, the right way nature intended them to be raised, from pastures to being grass-fed to being free-range," Pelekanos said during a visit to Toronto.

Bareburger plans to open 18 more stores worldwide by the

end of 2015, including several more Canadian locations.

Other U.S. burger businesses have similarly sensed an opportunity in Canada, including Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Wahlburgers and Carl's Jr.

But that's not to say home-grown upscale burger shops aren't doing well.

Shant Mardirosian, who launched a tiny Burger's Priest

15 million

Last year, Canadians bought nearly 15 million burgers at an average price of \$6.05.

location in 2010, now has six in Toronto, one in Guelph, Ont., and one in Edmonton.

Mardirosian, who attended seminary school and uses aspects of his Christian faith as a marketing tool, says simplicity and freshness are the hallmarks of his classic American-style cheeseburgers, with premium beef patties on a soft white bun.

"We grind our beef on site and that beef is never used the next day," he says.

"If we run out of meat, we close the doors and sell out. If we have beef left over, we fry it up and make chili out of it for

our chili cheese fries."

Business is booming and Mardirosian is opening five more shops, including one at Toronto's Union Station and others in Ottawa and Calgary.

At Bareburger, a basic burger, fries and a bottled water will set you back around \$17 after tax. Indulge in all the fancy stuff — say a bison burger with cheese, brisket and guacamole — and a combo rings in at about \$28 after tax.

"These are extremely delicate, high-quality (burgers). There's been a lot of work sourcing these ingredients and there's unfortunately a price that comes along with that," says Pelekanos.

When The Burger's Priest opened five years ago, Mardirosian's cheeseburger was \$4.99. Now it's \$5.79.

"You can get away with a cheeseburger combo for about \$12. Considering we use four ounces of premium beef, compared to some of the fast-food joints where they're charging \$9, for an extra \$3 I think it's quite a bargain."

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The Blue Elk from Bareburger features elk, Amish blue cheese, back bacon, stout onions and tomato fig jam on a sprout bun. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS



UPMARKET
Many Canadians will shell out extra for a burger they believe to be of high quality. If it costs too little, more discerning consumers may think it's inferior and won't purchase it, analyst Robert Carter says.



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AMERICAN CRIME STORY

O.J. Simpson trial acts as 'origin story'

Like many people, John Travolta remembers where he was when O.J. Simpson was riding in a white Ford Bronco in that infamous slow-speed pursuit in 1994 before he surrendered to police and later faced murder charges in the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"I had just gotten back from the Cannes Film Festival where we won the Palme d'Or for Pulp Fiction. I was on this kind of high with a new (revived) career and then this American tragedy was happening," the actor said.

Travolta, along with Cuba Gooding Jr., David Schwimmer and Sarah Paulson have signed on to star in a new true crime anthology series coming to FX called American Crime Story.

Season 1 will focus on the O.J. Simpson trial and is based on a book by Jeffrey Toobin who covered the trial extensively for The New Yorker.

Travolta plays Simpson's attorney Robert Shapiro. Ryan Murphy is directing the series, now about one week into filming.

"That trial sort of gave birth

to a new kind of media coverage," Murphy said. "It felt like an origin story of something that was the first and now we're still dealing with the reverberations of that so it feels very modern to me."

Gooding plays O.J. Simpson. "People keep asking me whether I think he did it or not, and I don't think that's the goal here, to prove his innocence or his guilt," Gooding said. "I think it's more us putting the judicial system under the spotlight ... We try to find a truth in the moment so that we can find answers."

David Schwimmer portrays the late-Robert Kardashian, an attorney on Simpson's defence team and a loyal defender of the former pro-football player. He says he spoke to Kardashian's ex-wife, Kris Jenner (who will be portrayed by Selma Blair) for insight into the role.

Actress Sarah Paulson, who has already worked with Murphy in American Horror Story, said she's been analyzing footage to prepare for her part as prosecutor Marcia Clark.

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O.J. Simpson holds up his hands before the jury during his double-murder trial. Season 1 of FX's American Crime Story will focus on the Simpson trial. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Weeknights at 8 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day

TOP SIX @ 8

- 6 Maroon 5 Sugar
- 5 Rihanna Better Have My Money
- 4 Jason Derulo Want To Want Me
- 3 Tori Kelly Nobody Love
- 2 OMI Cheerleader
- 1 Wiz Khalifa ft Charlie Puth See You Again

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IN BRIEF

Bollywood actress heads to Hollywood

Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra is heading to American television with a lead role in the ABC drama Quantico.

"Wow. I'm still reeling," she said Monday night.

Chopra plays an FBI trainee at Quantico Base in Virginia.

Chopra, 32, is a former Miss World. She has starred in films like the romance musicals Fashion and Andaz, and has also released music.

"American TV is at the best place it has ever been. It has incredible content," she said. "I binge watch TV shows when I'm doing hair and makeup, and I just think that all (American) shows that are coming out are so different — so much variety and there's so many different kinds of people on it that the uniqueness of each show is amazing."

Chopra, who will continue to make Bollywood movies, said she knows her fans in India are excited because "they've trended Quantico worldwide like five times."

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Jazz prodigy releases debut album

Joey Alexander's favourite things include The Avengers, SpongeBob and Thelonus Monk. He's a normal 11-year-old kid who just happens to be a jazz piano prodigy from Indonesia and has already impressed such jazz luminaries as Wynton Marsalis and Herbie Hancock.

This week, Alexander released his debut CD, My Favorite Things, making a statement on the opening track with a 10-minute-plus version of John Coltrane's harmonically challenging Giant Steps. "I love jazz because it's about freedom to express yourself and being spontaneous, full of rhythm and full of improvisation," said the mop-topped pianist, who barely tops 4 1/2 feet and weighs about 80 pounds, in a recent interview. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Queen Latifah as hard-living blues singer Bessie Smith. CONTRIBUTED

Queen Latifah in 'role of a lifetime'

HBO

Latifah says she summoned Bessie Smith to play the legend

Many viewers will come to the HBO biopic Bessie with scant knowledge of its subject, blues legend Bessie Smith.

But in the title role, Queen Latifah schools you with a bruising display of fierce drive, unstoppable talent and a gallery of personal demons.

"I felt like it was the role of a lifetime," says Latifah, 45, a multifaceted entertainer.

Premiering Saturday on HBO Canada at 8 p.m. ET/MT, Bessie (also starring Khandi Alexander, Mo'Nique, Oliver Platt and Charles S. Dutton) was in development for more than 20 years, with Latifah always pegged to play a person she knew little of back then.

The long delay was, in effect, a blessing, since it gave Queen Latifah a chance to "grow" into the role.

"I was able to figure out the parts that we could connect on, the parts of her way of singing that I could emulate in my way to show her style without being intimidated by the fact that I

“This woman literally got stabbed, left the hospital, and went out and performed.”

Queen Latifah, on Bessie Smith

don't have that voice — she's a powerhouse!"

So intense was the connection during filming, Queen Latifah at times felt she could summon Bessie Smith from the great beyond.

"I would pray: Bessie help me out, help me do it the way you want it done, help me really be you! I hope I did a good job in her eyes, wherever she is in that great place in the sky."

Queen Latifah found herself asking questions: "Why did she need THIS guy, and why did she need THIS woman? And why can't she say 'I love you'?" And why did she have to eat so much and drink so much and party so much?"

Discovering those answers called for her furious performance, including a bare-chested scene, a brutal fight with her husband, Jack (Michael Kenneth

Williams), and bedroom scenes with Lucille (Tika Sumpter), another of the bisexual Bessie's romantic partners.

"All that's what the role required," says Queen Latifah matter-of-factly. "You have to honour the character. This is her truth. You may feel uncomfortable with certain scenes, but there are a lot of things to feel uncomfortable about."

"But who am I to not play her to the bone! Talk about 'The show must go on!' This woman literally got stabbed, left the hospital, and went out and performed."

The biggest challenge, she says, was the limited time — just days — between wrapping production of last season's The Queen Latifah Show before heading to Atlanta to join director Dee Rees and fellow cast members for the Bessie shoot.

Hosting her talk show, she could revel in being herself (which helps account for her disappointment at its recent cancellation), whereas the film obliged her to inhabit a complex character much different from herself from an era long past.

"But, for me, who lives for a challenge, this was perfect," she insists. "I need to feel the wind in my face. I need to feel the fear and do it anyway."

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It's so hard to say goodbye

SERIES FINALES

Three shows including late-night giant wrap later this month

Brian Gasparek
For MetroLife

Talk about a rough start to the week for TV fans. Within the span of a few hours on Monday, it was announced that two long-running couch potato classics, *American Idol* and *CSI*, were both getting cancelled. Bummer. But before you start getting all misty-eyed over the demise of *Idol* (which ends after next season) and *CSI* (which will get a TV movie send-off next year), save those tears for a trio of shows that are actually saying goodbye this month.

May 2015 officially marks the end of an era for three shows, including one of the most iconic late-night talk shows of all time, one of the best cable dramas of our generation and a modern thriller that just couldn't go to go the distance.

Here's a look at the three



Mad Men airs its final episode on Sunday after seven seasons and critical acclaim. MICHAEL YARISH/AMC

shows that have reached the end of the line.

Mad Men (May 17)

After seven seasons, 15 Emmys and four Golden Globes, AMC's hit period drama *Mad*

Men will sadly air its last episode on Sunday night.

Throughout its preplanned seven-year run, Don Draper and his ad agency pals have consistently pulled in huge ratings for AMC and an ever-growing fan

base. Yep, it's going out on top.

Mad Men will go down as one of the greatest and most influential TV dramas of all time thanks to its killer writing, acting and historical authenticity. It was also responsible for resur-

recting sharp 1960s fashion and decor for the modern age.

The Following (May 18)

Kevin Bacon's show *The Following* looked like it had so much potential when it debuted back

in 2013. It was edgy, scary and intense. People loved it out of the gate, and it was even the highest-rated new broadcast series for adults 18 to 49. But after the first season, it lost momentum and its ratings plummeted into an embarrassing abyss. After a minimally watched second and third season, the violent serial killer thriller is toast as of next Monday.

Sadly, *The Following* will most likely be remembered by viewers as "that show that Kevin Bacon did for a couple years. I only watched the first season."

The Late Show with David Letterman (May 20)

And finally, May 20 marks the saddest series finale of 2015. It's the end of *The Late Show with David Letterman*. After 22 seasons of being the classiest gent in late-night television, Letterman is hanging up his suit and stepping away from the desk once and for all.

Sure, Stephen Colbert is inheriting the show from Dave and it will probably be really good, but Letterman will always be remembered as one of the greatest and most hilarious hosts to put us to bed Monday to Friday.

2015-16 TV season: What's in, out

The major U.S. broadcast networks are unveiling their new season lineups to advertisers in New York this week. From Shonda Rhimes' next potential hit to Rob Lowe's double-dipping, here's a roundup of some of the highlights so far. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Proven players

ABC is adding a fourth drama next season from its favourite producer, Shonda Rhimes. The fraud investigation drama *The Catch* stars Mireille Enos (*The Killing*) and joins Rhimes' other series for ABC: *Scandal*, *How to Get Away with Murder* and *Grey's Anatomy*, which is returning for its 12th season.



Over on Fox, Ryan Murphy, who gave the network a hit with *Glee*, is getting another chance with *Scream Queens*. The comedy-horror series will have veteran scream queen Jamie Lee Curtis and *Glee* breakout star Lea Michele (pictured) in the cast.

Empire building

Fans of freshman hit *Empire*, starring Terrence Howard (pictured) as a hip-hop magnate, won't have to wait until next winter for new episodes. Fox announced the drama will be on its fall schedule. But viewers should brace for a break in the planned 18 episodes — a split-season approach for Fox shows that network executives said will allow for a midway cliff-hanger creating an "event" aura.

With the strong ratings last season, stars are eager to join in. Fox said Chris Rock, Lenny Kravitz and Alicia Keys will make appearances.



Just for laughs

Fox is upping the ante by creating a Tuesday comedy night this fall with three of its new shows: *Grandfathered*, starring John Stamos; *The Grinder* with Rob Lowe and Fred Savage; and the aforementioned *Scream Queens*.

It promises to be a high-profile year for Lowe (pictured), who stars in *The Grinder* as an actor who attempts to become a real lawyer after playing one on TV. NBC has also announced that Lowe is a featured player in its comedy *You, Me and the End of the World*, which has already been filmed and finished.



Live and kicking

Despite lukewarm reviews for recent live shows *The Sound of Music* and *Peter Pan*, networks are not deterred from live-to-air musicals. NBC announced *The Wiz* while Fox is airing *Grease: Live*, a three-hour version of the musical. With broadcasters desperate to keep viewers watching shows and commercials in real time, expect more such efforts.

Also of note: The NBC comedy *Undateable*, starring Chris D'Elia (pictured), will attempt the high-wire act of airing a live episode each week.



Swan songs

ABC is bidding farewell to cancelled dramas *Forever* and *Resurrection* and the Latino family comedy *Cristela*, which was part of the network's move toward diversity last season. At NBC, the comedies *Marry Me*, *About a Boy*, *One Big Happy*, *A to Z* and *Bad Judge* are among the shows axed.

The *Mindy* Project starring Mindy Kaling (pictured) is out at Fox but may be heading to Hulu. Meanwhile, *American Idol* is on its last legs with its 15th and final season.





Big on everything except size



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THE CHECKLIST | 2016 HONDA HR-V

THE BASICS

Type. Five-door, front-wheel drive/AWD compact crossover

Engine (hp). 1.8-litre inline four-cylinder (141)

Transmissions. CVT automatic, six-speed manual

Price. Base \$20,690 (plus destination)

POINTS

- Shares much engineering with new Honda Fit, and built alongside Fit at Honda's new factory in Celaya, Mexico.
- Japanese-market HR-V powered by Fit's 1.5-litre direct-injection DOHC engine; our HR-V powered by the torquier 1.8-litre SOHC engine used in the Civic.



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COOL FEATURES

- Fuel tank located in centre of vehicle, to allow for deeper rear cargo department.
- Available LaneWatch display sends lane images to the main display when signalling.
- Speedometer illumination changes from white to green depending on fuel efficiency.

MARKET POSITION

- Honda's entry in fast-growing subcompact SUV segment. Targeted at buyers who want the drivability and styling of a coupe, and the functionality of an SUV. Aimed at mature Gen Y, couples who have yet to breed, empty nest boomers.

THE COMPETITION



Chevrolet Trax
Base price: \$20,880



Nissan Juke
Base price: \$20,498



Mitsubishi RVR
Base price: \$19,998

REVIEW

Honda's smallest SUV offers most for its space



Mike Goetz
Metro | Canada

Building a crossover on the smallest platform you have in your vehicle portfolio is big business these days for the automakers.

Vehicles such as the Nissan Juke, Jeep Renegade, Buick Encore, Fiat 500X, Chevrolet Trax, and Mini Paceman are all winning buyers. Joining the fray this summer will be the Mazda CX3 and our road-test victim, the 2016 Honda HR-V.

According to Honda, current demographics are playing right into the hands of these little scoots.

Millenniums are coupling up but still childless, and boomers no longer need to chauffeur kids (except for those here and there who refuse to leave the basement).

And typical of Honda, it targeted HR-V right into the heart of this growing and soon-to-be sizeable market. It will not be an outlier in this segment, by going with one personality focus, such as performance steed, visual piece, or luxury statement.

Instead, the HR-V is a great all-rounder, with just the right

doses of everything.

Styling is entirely in keeping with current Honda themes, but combines two separate ideas: a "coupe-like" upper portion that suggests sportiness; and a wider, lower body "SUV-like" portion that suggests stability and strength.

Honda Canada's senior product planner, Hayato Mori, doesn't like the word "platform," because when we say the HR-V is based on the Fit platform, he says it sounds like "we stuck an HR-V body on the bottom of a Fit." Apparently, there was more to it than that.

One of its main features is a gas tank mounted in the centre of the vehicle, to allow a deeper rear cargo area. In fact, rear-seat-down cargo capacity at 1,665 litres rivals the capacities of some competitors' one-size-up "compact" crossovers. Those rear seats also fold together, and separately, to offer up five different and useful "modes."

Quite simply, it is the most versatile cargo-carrying vessel in the class. It swallows bikes and surfboards and small upright trees like a small, benevolent, metal whale.

HR-V is exclusively powered by the same 141-hp 1.8-litre "four" toiling away in the Civic. It can be mated to either the all-new CVT automatic, or a six-speed manual. The former works well and kicks down particularly quickly and smoothly. The latter is not as slick as I was expecting.

The HR-V can be had in both FWD and AWD.

SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES

Nevada licenses 18-wheeler tractor-trailer for testing only

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

You've probably heard several companies are working on cars that drive themselves, but here's even bigger news: a tractor-trailer that can. And while such trucks are a decade or more away from production, Freightliner's Inspiration 18-wheeler concept truck is the world's first commercial autonomous vehicle licensed for public roads.

It's currently licensed only in Nevada, and strictly for test-

ing purposes. And while the Inspiration can pilot itself, it's not driverless.

"When it comes to safety and reaction time, computers are more reliable than a human being," says Martin Daum, president and CEO of Daimler Trucks North America, Freightliner's parent company. "But there are times when you can't beat the human brain. We need both."

The Inspiration uses a variety of technologies to make its magic, all of which are now available on many passenger cars. These include adaptive cruise



The Freightliner Inspiration. JIL MCINTOSH / FOR METRO

control, which ensures the truck keeps its distance from vehicles in front; automatic braking sys-

tems if a car cuts in front; and cameras that watch the road lines so the truck's steering system will

stay between them. The self-driving feature isn't meant for city traffic, but for long-haul highway stretches. A ride in the Inspiration revealed it worked exactly as advertised, following curves in the road and adjusting its speed for slower vehicles ahead.

The truck can't pull itself out to pass, or stop and make a turn. When self-driving conditions aren't ideal, the truck tells the driver to take the wheel. The driver doesn't leave his seat, but is free to do other tasks during auto-pilot, such as paperwork or communications. This will reduce driver fatigue, estimated

as a factor in one out of every eight big-truck crashes.

In areas serviced by 3D map terrain technology, the Inspiration can also use "predictive" cruise control to anticipate hills and drive accordingly. It's expected to return a fuel economy improvement over the average 39 l/100 km that tractor-trailers use.

Freightliner will continue testing the Inspiration in a wide range of road and weather conditions, but the biggest hurdle is legislation.

Self-driving trucks won't be truly viable until all provinces and states approve their use.

Mirai hydrogen car to power house

E-CARS

Twizy to lead Renault return

French automaker Renault might be considering a return to North America with its Twizy low-speed electric car, reports alternative vehicle Web site, Green Car Reports, doing so initially via the continent's largest French-speaking region, the province of Quebec. Featuring a tubular chassis and on-board computer, Twizy is an urban compact two-seater that Renault declares is "super fun" to drive.



INNOVATION

Outlet in trunk serves outages

Toyota's revolutionary, hand-built hydrogen fuel-cell sedan, the Mirai, has lots to recommend it, including the ability to power a home in the event of an electrical-grid outage. Behind a small triangular panel in the trunk is a power-out outlet from which the car could supply a house with electricity for several days. The feature is now available on Japan-market Mirais.



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THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news



ULTRA-LOW EMISSIONS

Automakers back campaign

Three new automakers have joined Go Ultra Low, which is the European campaign to raise awareness of ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs). Audi, Mitsubishi and Volkswagen have joined BMW, Nissan, Renault and Toyota to work with governments in raising awareness of the benefits of ULEVs, which include low running costs and government purchase incentives. Between them, the seven Go Ultra Low members boast 15 ULEVs across a variety of model sizes and performance attributes, from family cars and vans, to tall wagons and high-performance sports cars. According to figures from Britain's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, 2014 ULEV registrations in Britain grew by more than 300 per cent, to 14,518 vehicles, as drivers embraced the growing variety of models on offer.

DESIGN

New Beetles focus on style

Volkswagen will expand its iconic Beetle lineup by four new models, adding two coupes and two convertibles. They aren't substantively different in that they go further on a tank of gas, and are cleaner burning than other Beetles. They're mostly cosmetically different, each based on its own theme. For example, the Denim Concept is a throwback to the first "Jeans Bug" of the mid-1970s; and the stand-apart R-Line Concept with a 2.0-litre turbo engine, black diffuser and large rear spoiler speaks to performance.



+ CONSUMPTION

Fuel use drops despite population growth

Americans are using less gasoline, and owning fewer cars, than they have in 30 years, a study by the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute suggests. "Despite population growth of eight per cent, the absolute amount of fuel consumed by light-duty vehicles decreased by 11 per cent during the period 2004 (the year of maximum consumption) through 2013," said institute researcher Michael Sivak.

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Style, power mark Challenger SRT8

USED VEHICLE

Most issues in 2008-2014 models easy to find, fix

For a decent price, the Dodge Challenger SRT8 serves up one-of-a-kind looks, tremendous power output, a lengthy list of features, and a lusty powertrain, consisting of an up-tuned SRT V8 engine available with a six-speed manual transmission.

Targeted upgrades to the chassis enhanced performance and durability in a motorsports setting, with upgraded Brembo brakes, suspension components, wheels and tires helping generate Challenger's then-highest levels of track readiness.

Used copies will have no less than 425 horsepower from a 6.1-litre V8 engine, and more recent copies got a 6.4-litre unit that made it 470. The larger engine is referenced by

the Challenger's "SRT8 392" designation.

Look for available dual-mode dampers for optimized handling or ride quality at the touch of a button, as well as feature content including navigation, premium audio, Bluetooth, keyless ignition, heated leather and more. The Challenger SRT8 is a big, comfy coupe that goes like absolute bananas.

Approach a used Challenger SRT8 assuming the seller is trying to pass off the replacement bill for tires, brakes and a clutch, until you or your mechanic prove otherwise.

What to check

Confirm all window seals are present, intact and undamaged, or water leaks may result. Rubber seals around the windows and doors should be plump, intact and solid, not dried out, damaged or missing.

The owner's community suggests test drivers check the headliner for sagging, and inspect the rocker panel covers for signs of a fairly common

cracking issue. Scrutinize the driver's seat for signs of ripping, damaged seams, or excessive wear, too.

Be sure the transmission shifts smoothly and with no biting back, or rejected shifts, which could indicate trouble caused by past abuse. Take a whining or groaning sound from the rear differential while turning tightly at a low speed as a sign of trouble, too.

Finally, confirm everything inside the Challenger SRT8 that runs on electricity is in proper working order, including the seats, climate control, driver computer, steering-wheel controls and lights.

Scrutinize the navigation system for proper operation, be sure the Bluetooth system pairs with your mobile phone, and look for any burned-out LEDs in the driver computer display or stereo, if applicable.

Also, check the xenon headlamps for proper operation, as a burned-out xenon light can be pricey to replace.

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What owners like

Common owner praise-points include a comfortable and pleasant ride on most surfaces, the immense performance, the standout, crowd-gathering looks, and a surprisingly roomy back seat.

What owners dislike

Typical gripes centre around the ability of the Challenger SRT8 to quickly gather attention from local law enforcement authorities, a heavy fuel bill, and limited outward visibility.

The verdict

A largely solid buy in a used performance coupe that accommodates four adults while delivering top-notch performance. With the most commonly reported issues being fairly easy to detect, diagnose and repair, this car makes a confident buy after a mechanic's two thumbs up.

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The BMW-3 Series has received a subtle exterior nip and a tuck but a serious internal update for 2015. The new sedan and estate car has been tweaked to look lower, wider and more dynamic — thanks to new bumpers and headlights. The chassis and suspension system have also received some serious attention so the car remains fun to drive, even in the face of increasing competition

from the likes of Jaguar. The most noticeable change for 2015, however, will be found under the owner's right foot. That's because each of the three- four- and six-cylinder gas and four-cylinder diesel engines offered for the new car are new powerplants, with new levels of performance or efficiency, depending on whether economy or excitement is at the top of your list. **AFP**

Alpine to return to the road

Relaunch may include SUV, sports car coupe concept

An SUV is also said to be in the works.

Founded in 1955 by Renault pilot and dealer Jean R  d  l  , the Alpine brand was integrated into the Renault Group 10 years later.

Aside from being known for its road-going production cars (Alpine 110, 310, 610, and others), the brand earned a sterling reputation at the track, winning the World Constructors' Championship in 1973 and the Le Mans 24 Hours race in 1978. While the brand was discontinued in 1995, the Alpine name returned to the endurance racing circuit in 2013.

The expectations are high for this relaunch of the Alpine brand, following a previous failed attempt in partnership with Caterham.

Renault's catalogue will now include four distinct brands, each with a clearly defined target market: Dacia in the low-cost segment, Renault for the general consumer, Alpine in the sports car segment and Initial Paris for

the luxury market. AFP

Renault Group president and CEO Carlos Ghosn has greenlit plans to revive the Alpine brand, with the first production model due to debut in late 2016. French magazine *Challenges* broke the news, which has been confirmed to the AFP.

According to Challenges, the CEO is willing to invest around \$812 million CDN to resurrect the car brand.

In June, the company could unveil a new sports car coupe concept at the Le Mans 24 Hours race in France, where an Alpine A450B will be among the competing vehicles.

The new concept is expected to resemble the famous A 110 "Berlinette" and is slated to go on sale in late 2016 for around \$40,600.



The legendary Alpine A110 appears at a rally race in the '70s.
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Prototype shows speed

Step on the gas pedal and all it takes is 1.73 seconds to get your speed up to 100 km/h with the new Peugeot Vision Gran Turismo prototype unveiled recently for the Gran Turismo 6 video game.

The prototype attributes its rapid speed to a 1:1 power-to-weight ratio, weighing in at 875 kilograms and boasting 875 horsepower.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Gran Turismo

video game and this model is the result of game designer Kazunori Yamauchi's challenge to Peugeot automakers to create a commemorative car.

Peugeot designers and Peugeot Sport engineers joined forces to create the low-riding vehicle which stands 104 centimeters tall and is a sleek machine with barely any aerodynamic features, relying on its "body design alone" to "stick the car to the road." AFP

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- 3 Tbsp finely chopped cilantro or basil
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup Sriracha
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup grated old cheddar
- 12 mini hamburger buns
- 1/4 cup light ranch dressing or low fat mayonnaise
- 12 thin slices plum tomato

Directions

1. In a bowl combine chicken,

bread crumbs, onions, cilantro, egg, Sriracha, oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Mix well and form into 12 mini burgers.

2. In a grill or sauté pan, sprayed with vegetable oil, cook burgers on medium heat for about 10 minutes, turning halfway, just until cooked and no longer pink. Sprinkle cheese over top, cover pan and cook just until cheese has melted, about 2 minutes.

3. On hamburger bun bottom, spread some ranch dressing. Add tomato slice and burger. Top with other half of bun.

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- Calories 211 • Protein 10.9 g
- Carbohydrates 20 g
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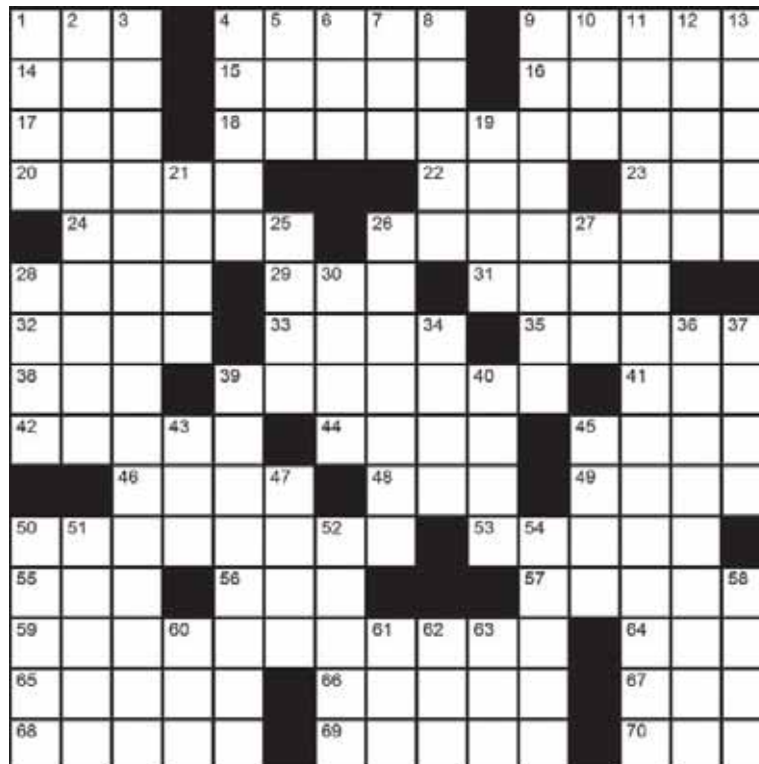
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. 'Ghoul' suffix
4. Surveying-a-neighborhood burglar
9. "Understood."
14. Your, in Italy
15. Thwart
16. Sidestep
17. Canada's dance music channel shutting down effective June 1st, 2015
18. Country retreat style: 2 wds.
20. Army vehicles
22. NFL Falcons, on scoreboards
23. Sale slip, shortly
24. Alarm clock responder
26. Hosted by Graham Greene and airing on APTN, series featuring dramatic recreations of hard to crack criminal cases, "___: Secrets of Forensic Science"
28. Fine cotton
29. Period
31. Snick-or-__
32. Workout units
33. God
35. French pronouns
38. Particular pronoun
39. Products by Meductic, NB based company SABIAN
41. Itemized thing [abbr.]
42. Soup base
44. Cougar
45. Le Pew
46. Serum container
48. Hideaway
49. Radiate
50. Bar's bowl of crunchy snacks:



- 2 wds.
53. Racecar driver Mr. Franchitti
55. Strong-__
56. Laboratory ID
57. Travis of Global TV's "Rookie Blue"
59. Self-employed writers
64. Chap

65. Weight unit
66. Baby Roo's mom
67. ___-booster
68. Adjust
69. Muscle cramp
70. Sleep state, commonly

DOWN

1. Q. "Was __ _"

- and the Bear' that Greg Evigan starred on?" A. "Yes."
2. A Great Lake ...en francais
3. '90s sitcom (starring Tim Allen) on Pamela Anderson's resume: 2 wds.
4. Discontinue

5. Furry TV alien
6. On: French
7. Author Ms. LeShan
8. Real estate company
9. 'Absolute Torch and Twang': 1989 k.d. lang and The __ album
10. Eggs, sci-

- ence-style
11. Vancouver-born actress of "Corner Gas" and "Robson Arms": 2 wds.
12. Proclamation
13. Hertz __ -Car
19. Shakespear-ean suffixes
21. Health/safety messages, e.g.
25. Depend on
26. Music listening device attachments
27. Opera singing style, __ canto
28. Likely, little-ly
30. Play
34. Judi Dench's title
36. Clandestine pursuit
37. Leave in, in proofreading
39. Gaspé Peninsula town in Quebec; or, "Friends" role
40. Ground
43. __ a l'arc (French for 'archery')
45. Actress Ms. Gilpin
47. Roman moon goddess
50. UK acting honour
51. Mr. Flynn
52. Pet fish homes
54. "I __ _" (2001) starring Sean Penn
58. Ancient Dead Sea land
60. Compass point
61. Hat
62. Disney deer
63. Ron Weasley in 'Harry Potter' movies
- portrayed ... his initials-sharers

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

You have been in one place too long and need to make your escape. The only danger is that in your haste to get away you may go off in a direction that is not at all suitable.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

You could easily spend too much money today and in doing so damage your reputation for thrift and common sense. Just because others are throwing their cash around does not mean you have to as well.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

The planets warn you could easily go over the top and offend or annoy someone you really need to stay on good terms with. Don't let that stop you taking risks but make sure others don't end up paying for your mistakes.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

Don't sell your services too cheap. Just because someone may be short of cash does not mean you should lower your prices for them. A job worth doing is a job worth getting paid the going rate for.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Creative activities will go well over the next 24 hours and they will go even better if you don't try to do everything yourself. Get friends and relatives to assist you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Play it cool today and don't worry that others may be doing better or getting paid more than you. It is always a mistake to compare yourself to colleagues and rivals and it would be even more of a mistake today.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Ideas will come thick and fast today but to make the most of them you will have to be selective. You won't get far if you try to follow up on each and every one of them. Do less, or think less!

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

According to the planets there is something you have overlooked and if you want to avoid making a fool of yourself you need to find out what it is and take appropriate action.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You feel there is nothing you cannot do. You feel that nothing is too much for you. That could be true but with Mars moving through your opposite sign you must take into account what other people want too.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be considering giving up on a project that appears to have run its course, but something will happen over the next few days that makes you think again.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You can quite easily turn a setback into something more positive, simply by asking other people to help you out. What looks like a disaster to you may look quite different to them, so ask them what they see and act on what they tell you.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

You will make more progress between now and the Sun's change of signs on the 21st if you keep to the middle path and avoid extremes.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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